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# Arizona passes “Grandpa in the Garden” bill to allow farm composting of DEAD HUMANS into the food supply via biosludge applications

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The latest state to green-light so-called terramation, or human composting, is [Arizona](#).

House Bill 2081 and Senate Bill 1042, together known as the "Grandpa in the Garden" bill, both passed and were signed into law by Gov. Katie Hobbs on March 29. As such, Arizonans will now have the ability to compost their dead loved ones, allowing their remains to be spread on gardens and farms as "fertilizer."

Sponsored by Rep. Laurin Hendrix (R-Gilbert) and Sen. T.J. Shope (R-Coolidge), the Grandpa in the Garden bill passed in both chambers with little opposition after being introduced back in December.

Arizona now joins Washington, Oregon, Colorado, California, New York, Nevada and Vermont, which are the only other states where terramation is allowed.

"This is all about choice," said Jake Hinman, a lobbyist for the funeral industry organization the Natural Organic Reduction of Arizona, about the bill. "If this process doesn't make sense to you, there are many other options out there for your loved ones, but for those that this does make a lot of sense to, we just want to have this option for Arizonans, and it's really as simple as that." (Related: Washington state [passed a similar law](#) back in 2019 to allow dead bodies to be used as "fertilizer" on gardens and farms.)

## Disrespecting the dead by turning them into soil

The way it works is funeral providers create a vessel for the deceased person lined with organic materials such as straw and woodchips. After the body is placed inside the vessel, it is covered with a compostable blanket and more organic material before being sealed and allowed to sit for up to six months.

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After half a year has passed, the remaining "soil" is given to the family of the deceased to do with it as they wish, which may include creating a garden out of it. The entire process costs around \$6,000, which is much less than traditional burial services.

"There is something in us that wants to return to the earth," said Micah Truman, CEO of terramation provider Return Home, who profits from composting people. "When we're done, we have a material that can then be used to restart the life cycle."

Many religious groups, including those of the Roman Catholic denomination, oppose terramation because they see it as disrespectful to human life.

"A process whereby human remains are composted and scattered 'in a designated scattering garden or area in a cemetery' fails to sufficiently respect the dignity due to deceased," commented the New York State Catholic Conference in a statement.

A [Tucson.com report](#) explains that, at least in Washington state, most people who compost their loved ones end up donating the remaining "soil" to groups that spread it on "private protected forest land," including on Bells Mountain near Vancouver, Washington.

One company that has already composted around 40 people with 700 more on the list says the soil remains for each dead body is enough to fill a standard pickup truck bed.

Since there is a lot of money to be made from this "alternative" to traditional burial services, entrepreneurs with no conscientious objections to such a process are eagerly setting up businesses to entice more people to compost their loved ones.

"This has been great because it brings more diversity into the conversation," said Julie Evans, executive director of Tucson's Casa de la Luz Foundation, which has been putting on presentations about human composting that are open to the public.

Other states are now eyeing the passage of similar legislation to allow human composting within their borders.

The failing West, which no longer values human life, is a lost cause. Learn more at [Collapse.news](#).

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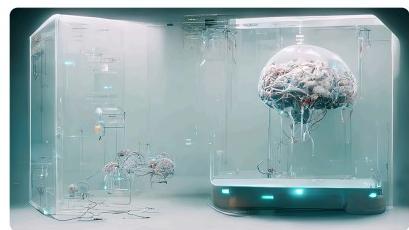
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